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For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASES,
PARTICULARLY HCV NS3-NS4A PROTEASE

Cambridge, Massachusetts
July 18, 2006

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in reply to the January 18, 2006 Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants have submitted herewith a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office Action. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), the time for reply to this Office Action is, therefore, up to and including July 18, 2006. Accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this Reply.

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